

March 11, 1992

Mr. Don A. Christiansen, General Manager
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Dear Mr. Christiansen:

We appreciate your efforts in providing us comments concerning the proposed distribution plan for the Utah Lake drainage basin. We realize the importance of this distribution plan to the District as it moves ahead with the Central Utah Project. Undoubtedly, many of the provisions in this plan are intended to address many of the issues which are arising as a result of the Central Utah Project coming on-line. As a Division, we are committed to work with the District to make sure your concerns are addressed and at the same time ensure all existing water rights are protected.

We realize that the proposal set forth in Section 6.0 concerning the future administration of exchange applications is of great concern to the District. The exchange application for the municipal and industrial system of the Bonneville Unit was approved in 1985. Since that time there have been a number of restrictions imposed upon the delivery of water from Strawberry Reservoir to Utah Lake or modifications in the project plan. In an attempt to better understand your current plans and operating criteria, we are recommending that you submit to this office any data and

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information that would help us understand how you propose to operate the proposed exchange of water between Strawberry Reservoir and Jordanelle Reservoir. In providing such data, we would recommend that you address the issue of why a concurrent diversion and/or release should not be required. For your information we have made the same request of the Bureau of Reclamation.

The State Engineer proposed the regulation pool in Jordanelle Reservoir for the purpose of assisting the Provo River commissioner in his responsibility of ensuring the equatable distribution of water, according to the respective water rights. We agree that some guidelines are needed to ensure that the regulation pool is operated properly and no disagreement arise. To facilitate this effort I am enclosing a draft of the proposed guidelines for the operation of the regulation pool in Jordanelle Reservoir for your review and consideration. This is a rough draft and is our first attempt to put our thoughts and ideas on paper. We realize that the reservoir and related facilities are for project purposes. However, the State Engineer believes that there are opportunities to utilize this facility to assist in distributing the water on the Provo River system.

Again, we thank you for your comments and interest in this matter. If there are any issues which you would like to discuss in more detail, please feel free to contact me. We will keep you apprised

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of any future developments concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Morgan, P.E.
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